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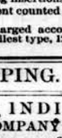

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. SOCOTRA, 1,947 Tons, on THURSDAY, 3rd February, 1881, at 3 p. m., calling a Ratnagherry, Vingoria, Goa, Carwar, Coompta, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Beypore, Calicut, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Madras, Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point, in the foregoing or any order, weather permitting.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

THE S. S. RAJPOOTANA, 2,030 Tons, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1881, at 4 p.m., calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, and Busreh, in the foregoing or any order.

FOR CUTCH, MANDAVIE AND KURRACHEE

S. S. CALCUTTA, 803 Tons, on SATURDAY, 5th February 1881, at 10 a. m.

FOR ADEN, ZANZIBAR, MOZAMBIQUE, INHAMBANE, QUILLIMANE, AND DELAGOA BAY.

THE S. S. JAVA, 1,465 Tons, on THURSDAY, 10th February, 1881.

Through passages to Natal and Capetown can be booked by the Java.

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IMPORTS.—The undersigned undertake the landing, clearing and delivery in Bombay or forwarding by rail or steamer packages by the Company's Steamers. Bills of Lading and particulars of contents and value should accompany forwarding instructions.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 28th Jan., 1881. Agents.

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[Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.]

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	Rs. 220	Rs. 150	Rs. 80	
Suez	„ 360	„ 220	„ 80	
Port Said	„ 360	„ 220	„ 90	
Messina	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	Including Wines
Naples	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Leghorn	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Genoa	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Marseilles	„ 520	„ 350	„ 145	Without food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge; Children not above 10 years, half fare.

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THE Co.'s S. S. URANO, Captain N. UCROPINA will be DESPATCHED as above, on 29th Jan., 1881.

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BOMBAY AND LIVERPOOL
(VIA MALTA).

THE following sailings have been arranged :—

S. S.	Captain	Tons. H. P.	1881.
Speke Hall	Brand	2,700 400	29th Jan
Blankenese Hall	R. Collin	2,100 300	12th Feb
City of Baltimore	J. Verril	2,400 300	26th „
Trentham Hall	Jas. Shaw	2,100 300	12th Mar
Wistow Hall	T. Collin	2,700 400	26th „
Rydal Hall	O. Lloyd	2,700 400	9th Apl
Speke Hall	Brand	2,700 400	23rd „
Blankenese Hall	R. Collin	2,100 300	7th May
City of Baltimore	J. Verril	2,400 300	21st „
Trentham Hall	Jas. Shaw	2,100 300	4th June
Wistow Hall	T. Collin	2,700 400	18th „
Rydal Hall	O. Lloyd	2,700 400	2nd July

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THE following or other Steamers will be despatched as above :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1881.
— SUMATRA	2488	450	R. F. Briscoe	29th Jan
s. MIRZAPORE	3887	600	A. Parish	5th Feb.
— SIAM	3926	500	G. N. Hector	10th „
s. RAVENNA	3340	700	E. Stewart	17th „
— SURAT	3142	530	W. E. Breeze	24th „
s. PEKIN	3580	600	W. D. Anderson	3rd Mar.
— MONGOLIA	2833	550	E. M. Edmond	10th „
s. ROHILLA	3464	700	W. Barratt	17th „
— MALWA	2949	500	W. Thompson	24th „
s. DECCAN	3429	550	W. B. Andrews	31st „
— SUMATRA	2488	450	R. F. Briscoe	7th Apr.
s. BRINDISI	3000	550	Geo. Lee	14th „
— SIAM	3926	500	G. N. Hector	21st „
s. SURAT	3142	530	W. E. Breeze	28th „

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock-Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked (s) proceed direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Return Tickets are now issued at reduced rates as under.

THREE MONTHS from date of departure to that of return.

Passengers.	Via Brindisi both ways.	Via Brindisi. one way.	Via Southampton. both ways.
First Class .. Rs.	950	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,050
Second Class. Rs.	550	Rs. 550	Rs. 600

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First Class .. Rs.	1,150	Rs. 1,200	Rs. 1,250
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STEAM TO PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, JAPAN, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY, CALLING AT GALLE.

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1881.
KASHGAR	2621	450	W. A. Seaton	28th Jan.
GWALIOR	2733	450	J. Orman	11th Feb.
THIBET	2593	400	W. R. Jordan	25th „
LOMBARDY	2723	450	J. B. Chapman	11th Mar.

Return Tickets are now issued 1st Class. 2nd Class

To K. George's Sound, Adelaide, Melbourne or Sydney and back (available for nine months)	Rs. 600	Rs. 375
To Galle and back (available for two months)	150	75
To Penang or Singapore and back do.	450	225

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A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, at Mazagon, at 3 p. m., on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER,
Superintendent, P. & O. S.-N. Company.
Bombay, 15th January. 1881.

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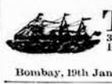
EXTRA STEAMER TO HONGKONG AND SINGAPORE.



THE Steamer GEELONG will LEAVE for the above Ports on the 3th January, calling at Ceylon and Penang if inducement offers.

F. D. PARKER,
Bombay, 19th January, 1881. Superintendent.

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SIGNOR G. POMPEI ..... Buffo.
HERR G. MACK ..... Pianist.
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Ornamental Dining-room Filters ..		40 0
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TO-NIGHT,
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MAJOR COWPER
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THE FARCICAL COMEDY IN TWO ACTS,
entitled
WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME,
to be preceded by
THE POPULAR COMEDIETTA,
PERFECTION.

MONDAY, 31ST JANUARY,
BENEFIT OF
MISS CLARA HUTCHINSON,
when will be presented
THE GOOD FOR NOTHING,
AND BURLESQUE,
LA SOMNAMBULA.

TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY,
PYGMALION AND GALATEA.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY,
AND
THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY,
H. J. BYRON'S GREAT DRAMA,
BLOW FOR BLOW.

FRIDAY,
THE GREAT DRAMA,
LEAH, THE FORSAKEN.
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THE IMMEDIATE PATRONAGE OF
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THE BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

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Do. do four	„ 16
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Back Seats	Annas 8

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GEO. NORVILLE, Business Manager.

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H. E. SIR JAMES FERGUSSON, K.C.M.G.,
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Will be performed
THE GRAND PANTOMIME,
BLUE BEARD.

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Comparative Summaries of Exports from Bombay, up to date as per Ships' Manifests, with the total Exports for the month, and for the same period as far back as 1870 and 1878 respectively.
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Breakfast Cruets, in numerous elegant patterns .. .. ..

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 28.

THE general tone of business during the past week has been very quiet. In Imports the transactions are barely up to an average, and on the surface of things there is little to indicate the probability of increased activity in the immediate future. Exports are particularly slack, mainly owing to the dull accounts from home, but the uncertainty regarding the G. I. P. Railway rates of carriage has also a good deal to do with limiting transactions in Wheat and Seeds. On Freights the action of the railway authorities has been very depressing, scarcely a charter having been affected since the movement was first announced. Numerous protests have been sent in by the different people affected by the proposed change, and for the interests of trade in general, it is to be hoped, that this season at least, previous rates will be continued. Money is increasing in request slightly, but not to an extent indicative of higher rates of discount just yet. Government Paper and Shares are quiet but steady; Sterling Exchange dull.

MONEY.—There has practically been no alteration in the position of the market during the week. The demand for Money is, no doubt, on the increase, but loans at call on the security of Government Paper are still obtainable at 2 to 3 per cent. per annum, and it will be some weeks yet before our export trade will be on such a scale as to warrant an advance. The last return of the Bank of Bombay showed an increase of about 17 lacs in the Cash Balances, but as this was probably owing to the Bank having called in some of their short loans, it is not generally regarded as showing any diminution of the trade demand.

EXCHANGE.—Last mail day, after our report was in print, adverse advices from Calcutta induced a sudden drop in rates of 3-32d. to 1/2d. per rupee, and since then the market has ruled quiet with no very wide fluctuations. We opened on Monday for this mail on the basis of 1s. 7 17-32d. for demand Bank Bills and 1s. 7 5/8d. for 3 months Credits, and no quotable change took place until Wednesday, when private paper receded 1-32d. to 1-16d. On Thursday, although the Council drafts in London on the previous day brought, as was anticipated, an average of 1s. 7 3/4d., the tone to begin with was decidedly weak, and for a time a fall of 1-16d. was quoted. In the evening, however, a steadier feeling was apparent, and the decline eventually was only a partial 1-32d. To-day things have again been very quiet, and although Bank Bills are unchanged, private paper has found at least one buyer at a further reduction of 1-32d., making closing quotations :—Bank Bills on demand 1s. 7 3/4d., Telegraghic 1s. 7 15-32d., 3 months' sight 1s. 7 25-32d., Credits, 3 months' sight 1s. 7 25-32d., Documents, 3 months' 1s. 7 13-16d., Francs, 3 months' 2·09 1/2 per rupee.

For future delivery the Banks are not particularly keen sellers at the existing difference of 1-32d. per month advance up to May; nor, on the other hand, are they at all anxious buyers forward, the quotations for 3 months' Credits being 1s. 7 27-32d. for February, 1s. 7 7/8d. for March, and 1s. 7 15-16d. for April delivery. The fact of the matters seems to be, that while no particularly strong views are entertained as to the future, there is a pretty general feeling about that from the existing level of 1s. 7 3/4d., for demand Bank Bills there is little probability of a decline. Anything below the equivalent of that figure seems to bring out sellers of private paper in considerable strength, and we must always bear in mind that we have a very large export season before us to finance.

The stock of Silver here has run down to a comparatively low figure, but the price in London having receded to 51 5-16d. per oz., shipments for this side have recommenced. The equivalent, however, is about 1s. 7 21-32d. per rupee, and the business is only being done by the dealers who are paying over Mint outturn.

On Calcutta the rate for demand drafts remains at 1-16 per cent. premium, for 60 days' sight there is practically no quotation. On China we quote 60 days' sight mercantile bills at Rs. 218 per 100 dollars.

From Hongkong the latest quotation by wire for 4 months' sight Bank Bills on London is 3s. 8 1/4d. per dollar, and from Shanghai 5s. 1 1/2d. per tael.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.—A very quiet feeling with declining values was apparent throughout the early part of the week, and the lowest point was touched on Wednesday at Rs. 99 13-16 for Fours, and Rs. 108 1/4 for Fours-and-a-half. Since then a steadier tendency has been fostered by the accounts from Calcutta, and although there is no great extent of business passing, prices have recovered to :—Fours, Rs. 100; Fours-and-a-half, Rs. 108 3/4.

SHARES.—As in everything else, quietness has been the prevailing feature of the market, and in most instance any alterations in values have been in favour of buyers.

In *Banks* we have to note a decline of 1/2 per cent. in Bank of Bombays, which now stand at Rs. 735. Agras are unchanged at Rs. 134, Nationals are Re. 1 higher at Rs. 109. In *Land* Companies Colabas are firm at Rs. 885, Port Cannings have receded to Rs. 205. *Press* shares are weaker. Colaba have declined Rs. 45, Mofussil Rs. 5, Sind and Punjaub Rs. 150, and Fort Press have dropped to Rs. 2,600. *Spinning and Weaving* concerns are slightly irregular, although the late decline in Cotton has been all in favor of the Mills. Our list of quotations shows the following changes on the week. A decline of Rs. 100 in Albert, Rs. 45 in Dhurrumsey, Rs. 15 in Prince of Wales, Rs. 10 in Khandeish and Victoria, and Rs. 2 1/2 in Mazagon. An advance of Rs. 95 in Bhownugger mills, Rs. 15 in Morarjee Goculdass, Rs. 12 1/2 in Empress, Rs. 10 in Hindustan and Manockjee Petit, Rs. 5 in Bombay United, Great Eastern, Oriental, and Sholapore, and Rs. 2 in Anglo-Indian. Amongst *Miscellaneous* Companies we note a decline of Rs 25 in Bombay Burmah Trading Co, and an advance of Rs. 15 in Treacher and Company, Limited.

PIECE-GOODS.—The general character of the market has undergone no appreciable change since our last report. The off-take from the bazaar continues on about the previous scale, the total clearances during the week being estimated at about 2,800 to 3,000 packages of all kinds; and for future delivery there is still very little doing, Manchester prices remaining considerably above our parity. No material change in this respect can be looked for until stocks are materially reduced, and this, looking to the comparitive scale of import and consumption, cannot be for some considerable time yet. For Grey Goods on the average prices have not altered. In Shirtings an occasional advance of 1/2 anna per piece has been obtained, but 2 1/2 lb. Madapollams are 1/2 anna lower. Bleached goods are steady at unchanged values with a fair extent of business passing. Dyed and Printed Cloths are dull, and only saleable at a considerable loss on first cost.

In Local Made Goods the sales this week have been about 1,700 packages at prices ranging from As. 8 1/4 to As. 8 3/4 per lb.

TWIST.—The transactions in English Yarns have again been on a very small scale, and we quote a decline of 1/4 anna per lb. in Mule from 30s. to 60s., while Water, although not quotably lower, is extremely difficult of scale. Supplies are fully equal to existing requirements but not excessive. Of Local Spun Yarns sales of 2,500 bales are reported at As. 7 3/4 to As. 7 13-16 per lb., a slight improvement on previous rates.

METALS.—*Copper*—Stocks are moderate, but the demand is very slow, and prices have receded As. 4 to As. 8 per cwt. on the week. *Yellow Metal* is also As. 4 to As. 8 per cwt. lower since the departure of last mail. The stock on the spot is small, but the off-take is equally limited. In *Iron* the business doing is comparatively slack. Values are nominally unchanged, but supplies being large the tendency is weak.

COALS.—Several re-sales of speculative purchases have been affected lately, forcing down the price of Davison's West Hartley As. 8 per ton, and a cargo of Bower's West Hartley January sailing steamer has been sold at the extraordinarily low figure of Rs. 15 alongside. There is a good demand for distant delivery, but transactions of this kind necessarily unsettle the market. Cardiff continues in request at Rs. 16-4 to Rs. 16-8 per ton alongside.

COTTON.—Following as usual the course of the Liverpool and New York advices, we have had another week of dull depressed markets, and prices must be quoted Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 per candy lower all round. The decline has induced people to go on covering some of their previous sales, and owing to this considerable purchases have been made, say about 8,000 bales in all, but we are still above home values, and no great extent of new business is being initiated.

The decline in values has been greater in Hingunghaut than any other description, the quality showing a decided deterioration every day, while the quantity coming forward is also decreasing. Of Omrawuttee supplies are beginning to come forward very freely, and the quality is also getting a little better. Of Broach a few small sample parcels have come to hand within the past few days, the quality of which is anything but satisfactory. This, however, is generally the case, and although, perhaps, not quite up to the fine crop of last year, good quality will be obtainable later on. Of Dhollera descriptions a few bales of Bhownugger and Veravul have been received, but we cannot expect much for some weeks yet. Estimates of the season's shipments have undergone no change, 850,000 bales being still the favorite figure.

The *Receipts* from up-country to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons :—

	1881.	1880.	1879.
For the week	20,824	20,650	15,362
Since 1st September	217,879	181,894	123,821
Since 1st Jan.	72,686	63,900	51,300

The *Clearances for Sea* since the departure of last Mail have been 2,766 bales, making a total of 28,453 bales against 25,014 bales for the same period last year.

The following are to-day's quotations for full pressed cotton with the equivalents in Sterling, cost and Freight to Liverpool, via Canal without commission :—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Old Good Dholleras (Nominal)	Rs. 212=5	4d.
" F. G. F. do.	" 202=5	5 32d.
" G. F. do.	" 193=4	15/16d.
" F.G.F. Ginned Dharwar (Nominal)	" 204=5	3/16d.
New Good Akote (March delivery)	" 217=5	17/32d.
" Good Omra, Ready	" 216=5	15/32d.
" Do. March delivery	" 215=5	15 32d.
" F.G.F. Ready	" 205=5	7/32d.
" Do. March	" 203=5	3/16d.
" G. F. Omra, Ready	" 194=4	31/32d.
" Do. do. March	" 193=4	15/16d.
" Good Hingunghaut, Ready	" 226=5	23/32d.
" Good M. G. Broach, March dely	" 225=5	15/16d.
" Do. Dholleras, April do.	" 215=5	15/32d.
" F.G.F. Do. do.	" 203=5	3/16d.

SEEDS.—*Linseed* on the spot has been in less active request latterly, and prices may be called As. 2 per cwt. lower at Rs. 6-5 to Rs. 6-7. For April-May delivery, however, the price is unchanged at Rs. 6-4 per cwt. Small parcels of New Seed have now begun to arrive. *Rapeseed*.—Some purchases of old have been made at Rs 5-8, but for New Guzerat April-May delivery Rs. 5-12 is still the quotation. In *Gingelly* there is a considerable business going forward at about previous prices, say Rs. 39 to Rs. 40 for White, Rs. 36 to Rs. 38 for Mixed, and Rs. 35 to Rs. 36 per candy for Red.

WHEAT.—Ready, the price is very firm at Rs. 33 3/4 for No. 1 white but of May delivery there are still seller at Rs. 29 per candy.

PRICES OF BULLION &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 12-3-6
Carolus	" 236
Mexican Dollars	" 224
Five-Franc Pieces	" 231
Bar Silver, 17 to 17 1/2 betterness	" 108-3-0
Gold Leaf	" 19-8-0
Bar Gold, 10 oz. English, 100 touch	" 19-10-9
Australian Gold, 100 touch	" 19-10-0
Bombay Bar Gold 100 touch	" 19-10-0
Pekin Gold Bars	" 19-6-3

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Adria, 781 tons, Captain A. W. Adamson, arrived in harbour yesterday from Jeddah (11th Jan.) with a general cargo and 173 pilgrims.

THE ship Rockland, 1,465 tons, Captain J. Forr, arrived in harbour on the 27th inst. from Cardiff (28th Aug.) with a cargo of 1,373 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to the captain.

THE following is the list of passengers per Hall Line steamer Branksome Hall, which arrived from Liverpool yesterday :—Mr. E. A. Moscardi, Miss Moscardi, Mrs. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. S. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oulton and family, Miss A. Mackenzie, Mr. John R. Haswell, Mr. Charles Hogg, Mr. Flowers, Bloem Sietz—Mr. E. Morcan.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Euphrates, 499 tons, Captain O. R. Mitchell, will sail to-day for Kathiawar Coast and Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lieut. C. L. Young, Lieut. Wynyard, Miss Battye and ayah, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. D. Hunter, Captain W. H. Haydon, Mr. and Mrs. Heerjeebhoy and five children, and 104 deck.

THE Clan Line steamer Clan Alpine, 1,348 tons, Captain Rule, arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow (25th Dec.), via Liverpool, with the following cargo :—114 packages paints, 200 bales twist, 23 cases thread, 32 casks alamoniac, 200 casks soap, 50 packages porter, 1,733 bundles hoop iron, 1,668 bars iron, 29 packages earthenware, 9 cases umbrellas, 6 cases glass, 29 cases clocks, 23 packages glassware, 10,000 bricks, and 125 drums oil.

THE A. H. Lloyd Co.'s steamer Calypso, 1,250 tons, Captain B. Gelcich, arrived in harbour on the 27th inst. from Trieste (10th Dec.), via Jeddah, with a general cargo, and 28 first-class, 18 second class passengers, 528 deck pilgrims. Four men and 2 women died during the voyage. She brought the following cargo:—From Trieste.—5 packages glassware, 29 bales twist, 7 packages piece-goods, 5 cases beads, 257 packages papers, and 36 packages goods. From Rhodes.—5 cases oil of storax. From Constantinople. —5 packages salum. From Jeddah.—119 packages piece-goods, 56 packages gum, 40 packages almonds, and 15 packages shells.

THE Anchor Line steamer Britannia, 1,991 tons, Captain R. Hutchison, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (30th Dec.), with the following passengers :—Colonel and Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. W. McInnes, Miss E. Spanton, Mr. Sprat, and Mr. J. Innes. She brought the following cargo :—10 boxes German silver, 23 cases thread, 3,145 packages piece-goods, 14,460 bundles hoop iron, 41 packages color and paint, 60 packages iron sheets, 221 bars and 1,200 bundles iron, 110 casks beer, 7 cases whisky, 337 bales twist, 5 cases tobacco, 105 cases brass, 500 boxes soap, 18 packages steel, 25 cases umbrellas, 5,157 casks spelter, 225 packages wine and spirit, 6 packages glassware, 128 boxes tin plates, 124 kegs nails, 75 drums oil, 56 cases medicine, and 40 cases acid.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINA MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Kashgar, 1,514 tons Captain W. A. Seaton, sailed yesterday for China with China mail, general cargo, and 1,294 chests opium. Mr. Burjorjee K. Eranee was a passenger for Singapore.

DEPARTURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Brindisi, 2,261 tons, Captain Geo. Lee, sailed yesterday for Australia, with Australian mail, general cargo, and the following passengers :—Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne, Three Misses Egan, For Madras.—Mr. I. G. S. Young. For Sydney.—Mr. Underwood, Captain Grant, Mr. A. D. Canel, and Mr. Webster.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
27	Rockland	Forr	Cardiff, Aug. 28.
	Elfie (s)	Rodgaard	London, Dec. 22.
	Calypso (s)	Gelcich	Trieste, Dec. 10.
28	Britannia (s)	Hutchison	Liverpool, Dec. 30.
	Clan Alpine (s)	Rule	Glasgow, Dec. 25.
	Adria (s)	Adamson	Jeddah, Jan. 11.
	H. M. S. Serapis	Twiss	Portsmouth, Dec. 27.

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Brindisi (s)	Lee	Australia.
	Kashgar (s)	Seaton	China.

The Steamer Euphrates, Mitchell, to K. Coast and Kurrachee, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels were entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Adria, to Mauritius.
Steamer Calipso, to Trieste.
Steamer Britannia, to Liverpool.
Steamer Corinth, to Antwerp.
Schooner Philip and Family, to Tuticorin.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.			
24	Raipoot	Andrew	Bombay.
	Maulesden	Miller	Point de Galle, Jan. 17.
	Syria	Reach	Cardiff, Oct. 10.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 24.—Steamers Tantallon and Mercedes. Barque Ocean Chief.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.			
25	Kerbella (s)		London.
	Khandalla (s)		Calcutta.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 27.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Linhope (s),—200 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 200 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 41 bales wool, Nowrojee Nusserwanjee; 150 bales wool, Nurjee Khuttow.

Speke Hall (s),—500 cwts wheat, Volkart Brothers; 1,400 cwts wheat, Ralli Brothers; 431 1/4 cwts myrabolams, Khuttow Mathoora; 33 bales wool, Pelly and Co; 150 bales cotton waste, Farnham and Co; 215 cwts coir yarn, Lalljee Poonsey and Co; 62 bales wool, Govindjee Madhowjee; 50 bales wool, Damodur Khimjee; 1,650 cwts rice, Mirzamull Shewbasee.

Lizzie English (s),—31 bales wool, Vussonjee Mansing; 63 bales wool, V. A. M. Mahamedally; 709 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 100 bales cotton, W. Bell and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Clan Fraser (s),—2,520 cwts wheat, F. Masotti & Co.

Sumatra (s),—12 boxes silver coins, Cursetjee Sorabjee.

Strathmore (s),—112 1/4 cwts nuxvomica, Jetta Purshotum; 375 cwts myrabolams and 187 1/4 cwts castor seed, Toolseedass Enderjee.

FOR HAVRE.

Border Chieftain (s),—100 bales cotton, Geo. Lockhart and Co.

Halo (s),—100 bales cotton, W. M. Macaulay and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Winton (s),—211 cwts copra, Datardina Mowjee.

Sestos (s),—1,500 cwts ground-nuts, Ritchie, Steuart and Co; 524 cwts niger seed and 1,200 cwts gingelly seed, A. Blaseheck and Co.

Manilla (s),—100 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Manilla (s),—100 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart and Co.; 50 bales cotton, Oleaso and Co.; 50 bales cotton, E. Spinner and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Calipso (s),—100 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon and Co; 200 bales cotton, L. Stinger and Co.; 818 bales cotton, Lang, Moir and Co; 50 bales cotton, Geo. Lockhart and Co.

Hurworth (s),—800 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Calipso (s),—100 bales cotton, Lang, Moir and Co.; 350 bales cotton, Thos. H. Moore and Co.; 200 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon and Co.; 100 bales cotton, Lyon and Co.; 200 bales cotton, Geo. Lockhart and Co.

Sumatra (s),—33 bales rags, E. Spinngr and Co.

Hurworth (s),—1,800 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR MALTA.

Teviot (s),—3,200 cwts wheat, Lang, Moir and Co.

FOR LEGHORN.

Manilla (s),—1,531 1/4 cwts wheat, Sigg-Sulzer and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Geelong (s),—25 bales twist, the National S. and W. Co.; 25 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

HIGH COURT.—JANUARY 29.

(Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE MELVILL.

Appeal for hearing and final disposal.

420—A F Turner—Hurry Bhanjee vs The New Colaba Co. Ld.—Prescot and W.

[Before the Hon. Mr. Justice WEST.]

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Cause.

267-80—Ardeshir and H—Meherbai and another vs Perozbai—Chalk and W.—Part heard.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—JANUARY 28.

Bunburg, Major, Rifle Brigade, on leave, from Poona.

Garnett, Lieut, 2-15th Regt., on leave, from Poona.

Veitch, Capt., H. D. Guard, on leave, from Neemuch.

M. DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 28.

Bunburg, Major, Rifle Brigade, on leave, to Delhi.

THE BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

BY LIEUT.-COL. COMMANDANT W. S. HEWETT.

Bombay, 28th January, 1881.

The Asst. Adjt.-Genl. for Musketry will inspect the rifles of the Corps to-day, Saturday, the 29th inst., at the Town Hall, at 4-45 p. m.

Red uniform with helmets, arms, and accoutrements to be worn at this parade.

The Commandant trusts that every member of the Corps will do his utmost to attend this parade.

By Order, W. M. TENNENT.

Capt. and Acting Adjt., B. V. R. C.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, HEAD-QUARTERS.

Poona, 28th January, 1881.

The C.-in-C. is pleased to make the following appointments :—

Lt.-Col. A. T. Moore, V. C., S. C., (Commanding at Ahmednagar), to officiate in command of the fortress of Asirgarh, during the absence of Col. M. Boyd, on furlough.

3rd (Queen's Own) Light Cavalry.—Lt. T. P. Geoghegan, Sqdn. officer (Offg. Adjt.) to be Adjt. 2nd Light Cavalry—Lt.-Col. A.W. Machaghten, 2nd in Command (Offg. Comdt), to be Commandant, vice Col. Sykes, retired.

16th Regt. N. I.—Lt. J. W. Gordon Wing, Officer and Qr-mr. (20th Regt. N. I., Offg. Wing Officer, to be Wing Officer, vice Lieut. Orr, seconded. Captain L. A. T. McCudden, Wing Officer, 10th N. I., Offg Wing Comdr., officiated as 2nd in command, and Lt. W. S. Widdicombe, Adjt. and Offg. Qr.-Mr, officiated as Wing Commander, both in addition to their own duties respectively, from 17th Nov. to 31st Dec. 1880.

On resigning his appointment on the Staff of H. E. the C.-in-C. Lt. R. Wynyard, No. 17 Battery 8th Brigade, will proceed to Kurrachee to take charge of a draft of men and horses for F Battery 2nd Brigade, R. A., under orders for Kandahar.

Surg.-Maj. F. J. Shortt, A. M. D., is transferred from the Presidency to the Mhow Circle.

Under instructions from Horse Guards the name of Lt P. Porter, 2nd Battalion, 7th Foot, is to be added to the list of officers detailed for duty at the Regimental Depots.

The undermention officers are appointed to do duty with the troops proceeding to England in H. M.'s Indian troopship Jumna on the 15th inst :—Surg.-Major T. S. Barrow, Surgs. H. A. Fogerty, R. H. Gardner and P. F. H. S. Murphy.

Sub-Condr. Daniel Mayors, of the Ordnance Dept., is remanded to the 15th Foot (2nd Battn.), in view to his discharge being carried out in accordance with the Regulations.

With the sanction of Govt. the following orders are confirmed :—

Deesa Station order.—Dated 19th January 1881, appointing Capt. F. H. Forjett, Qr.-mr. and Offg. Wing Comdr., 28th N. I., to officiate as Staff Officer, and to command the depôt 3rd Cavalry, with effect from the 20th idem, in addition to his other duties (no other officers being available), vice Lt. Pym, 29th Foot, leaving the station.

2nd Regt. N. I.—Regtl. order, dated 12th November, 1880, appointing Capt. F. B. Peile, (Wing Officer) on return from furlough, to officiate as Wing Comdr. in addition to his own duties, vice Lt. Leslie, retired.

Regtl. order, dated 8th Jan. 1881, directing Major H. T. Bulkly, Wing Officer, to officiate as Wing Comdr., vice Capt F. B. Peile, retired.

Regtl. order, dated 12th Jan. 1881, directing Capt. F. B. Peile (Wing Officer), in the absence of a qualified subaltern, to perform the duties of Qr-mr. in addition to his own, vice Lt. Leslie, retired.

3rd Regt. N.C. I.—Regtl. order dated 18th Jan. 1881, making the following appointments with effect from the 16th December 1880, vice Lt. Col. Yourge, reported sick.

Capt. E. Heath, Adjut. (Offg Wing Comdr.), to officiate as 2nd in Command; and Lt. G. F. W. MacMahon, Qr-mr., and Officiating Adjutant, to officiate as Wing Comdr. in addition to his other duties, no other qualified officer being available.

10th Regt. N. L. I.—Regtl. order, dated 1st January 1881, Offg. Major A. J. Stock, S. C. to officiate as 2nd in Command and Capt. A. T. McCudden, Wing Officer, to officiate as Wing Comdr., in addition to his own duties.

11th Regt. N. I.—Regtl. order, dated 19th Jan. 1881, appointing Capt. E. Werge, Wing Officer, (Offg. Adgt. and Qr-mr.) to officiate as Wing Comdr., in addition to his other duties, vice Major French, proceeded on furlough on medical certificate.

26th Regt. N. I.—Regtl. order, dated 18th Jan. 1881, making the following appointments with effect from the 31st Dec. 1880, vice A. J. Doig reported sick.

Capt. C. J. A. Yates, Wing Officer (Offg. Wing Comdr.), to officiate as 2nd in Command; and Capt., F. H. Forgett, Wing Officer and Qrmr, to officiate as Wing Comdr., both in addition to their own duties.

29th Regt. N. I.—Regimental order, dated 18th Jan. 1881, appointing Major G. F. Bryant, Wing Officer and Offg: Qr.mr., to officiate as Wing Commdr. in addition to other duties, with effect from the 3rd idem vice Major Sartorius, proceeded on leave on medical certificate.

11th Foot (2nd Battn)—Regtl. order, dated 23rd Dec., 1880, appointing the following Committee of Paymastership :—President, Major W. Greaves; members : Captain F. F. Gibbous and Captain J. H. Yale Captain Gibbons will perform the duties of paymaster on the responsibility of the Committee.

17th Foot (2nd Battn.)—Regtl. order dated 19th January 1881, appointing Lieut. E. R. Scott to act as Adjt. in addition to his other duties from 27th September 1880, and to continue to perform such duties, vice Lieut. and Adjt. W. Greek, reported sick.

On the recommendation of a medical board, the undermentioned officer is granted leave to the port of embarkation for thirty days from date of availing himself of it, and thence to England for twelve months from date of embarkation :—Lieut. W. W. Ward.

The unpermentioned officer has obtained leave of absence :—17th Foot (2nd Battn.), Lieut. Col. C. G. Grant, from 5th Jan. to 28th Feby. 1881, in extention in England on medical certificate.

COURT-MARTIAL.

AT a European general court-martial held at Poona on the 21st day of January, 1881, Private Edward Pollard, 2-11th Foot, was arraigned on the following charges : 1st—Having at Ahmednuggur on or about the 15th day of December, 1880, offered violence to Serjeant R. Munson, 2-7th Royal Fusiliers, by firing off a loaded pistol with powder and ball at him, the said Sergeant R. Munson being his superior officer and being in the execution of his office. 2nd—Having at Ahmednuggur or about the 15th of December, 1880, wilfully spoiled one round of his service ammunition. 3rd—Having at Ahmednuggur on or about the 15th of December, 1880, been drunk when on duty when sentry on No. 5 Port, Quarter Guard, Depot 2-11th Regt., between the hours of 9 and 10 p.m. 4th—Having at Ahmednuggur on or about the 15th Dec., 1880, whilst in confinement in the cells of the Depôt Quarter Guard, 2-11th Regt., wilfully spoiled his tunic.

Finding.—The court find that the prisoner Private Edward Pollard, 2-11th Regt., is guilty of all the charges, but the court find that the Christian names of Serjeant Munson are "Walter William."

Sentence.—The court sentence the prisoner Private Edward Pollard, 2-11th Regt., to suffer penal servitude for the term of five years; to be discharged with ignominy from H. M.'s service; to be fined one pound; and to be put under stoppages of pay until he shall have made good the following articles, vizt., one pound of the service ammunition and one tunic.

TORIN THATCHER, Colonel,
11th Regt. N. I., President.

Poona, 21st January, 1881.

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

JEEJEEBHOY—January 28th, at Nesbit Hall, Mazagoan, Meherbye, eldest daughter of Mr. Dadabhoy Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy, aged 8 years and 1 month. Her remains will be carried to the Tower of Silence this morning at 8 a.m.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ROBBINS.—January 22nd, at Meean Meer, the wife of Dr. H. J. Robbins, A. M. D., of a son.

MERCER.—January 22nd, at Jullundur, the wife of Warren H. Mercer, Esq., Punjab Police, of a son.

CLIFFORD.—January 23rd, at Lahore, the wife of Mr. S. Clifford, Officiating Judge, Small Cause Court, of a son.

DEATHS.

SKINNER.—At Delhi, Alice Annie, the beloved wife of Alexander Skinner, aged 32 years.

ROBERTS—January 14th, at Bimlipatam, Eliza Emma Louisa, wife of Charles George Roberts, Port Surgeon

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1881.

ONE of the most interesting and useful results of the report of the Famine Commission is the definition of the country most liable to drought, in which the occasional occurrence of famine must be anticipated. According to the report, the district in this presidency most liable to be affected is that lying immediately east of the Ghauts, stretching from Khandesh in the north to Mysore in the south. It has long been recognised that there is a strip of land of varying width which runs parallel to the Ghauts, and upon which the rainfall is scanty and uncertain. The rain-laden clouds of the south-west monsoon strike the Ghauts and pour a deluge of rain upon them, and upon the country near; then, relieved of a portion of their contents, the clouds rise and throw down but little rain until condensed by the colder atmosphere of the elevated regions they have attained. It is now generally admitted that the best way to protect a country against famine is to open it out thoroughly by efficient railways. The northern portion of this district of scanty and uncertain rainfall is already well opened out by the two branches of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway and the loop-line from Dhond to Munmad. The southern part, comprising the district known as the Southern Mahratta country, is still one of the least accessible districts in the whole of India, although the entire district lies parallel to and within easy reach of the sea, from which it is, however, separated by the steep Ghauts, and in great part by unhealthy forests. To open out free communication with this district throughout the year is a matter of great importance. At present during the monsoon all communication with the coast is cut off by the heavy rainfall on the Ghauts, and even throughout the year. Rawal Pindi, in the Punjab, is practically much nearer Bombay than is Hubli in the Southern Mahratta country. If this district had been a sparsely-inhabited tract of little commercial and political value, the reason of its having been left for so long without communications would be apparent. But such is not the case. The Southern Mahratta country possesses in the Dharwar cotton-fields some of the best land in the presidency. Its chief town, Hubli, is the most important commercial town south of Bombay in this province. The trade of the Southern Mahratta country with Bombay is even now very considerable, and is capable of very great extension, for the cost of carriage between the coast and Hubli, a distance of 109 miles, is so great (about Rs. 28 per ton) as to be almost prohibitory for bulky goods. Nor is the importance of a railway of less importance in a military and political point of view. Even before the Southern Mahratta country became British territory the Duke of Wellington had drawn attention to the all-important necessity for establishing good communications between it and the sea. The correctness of his opinion has since been abundantly justified by facts; for four times within the last forty years have military operations of considerable importance been necessary in the province, and each time has it been more and more apparent that the easy suppression of disturbances depends upon the facility with which the troops can be reinforced. In short, the importance of improving the communications with this part of the country cannot be disputed. It has been fully recognised by all competent authorities. The difficulty is of another kind. So many rival schemes have been started that the Government appears to be unable to make up its mind what to do. There is, first, the old scheme of the Carwar-Gudak line, which has been thoroughly estimated, surveyed, and staked out. This line would have been commenced in 1878 had it not been forbidden by the Secretary of State, in consequence of the Stafford House scheme for constructing a line to Marmagoa, which is the second scheme now under consideration. Next, there is the scheme, which the Government is still fiddling about, of a line from Gudak to join the G. I. P. at

TELEGRAMS.

LATEST NEWS FROM KANDAHAR.

(FROM THE PRESS COMMISSIONER.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 28.

A telegram dated the 27th instant reports all quiet in Kandahar.

The intelligence of the advance of the force of Maiwand has sufficed to bring in the majority of Zemindawar and Helmund chiefs to pay their respects to Sirdar Gul Muhammad Khan. The Girishk trade with Tirin is, however, stopped, bands of robbers infesting the roads and preventing all but strong armed parties from passing. Nevertheless the price of wheat and barley has again slightly fallen in the city, and supplies are more plentiful.

The sowars sent by Hashim Khan to Naozad are said to have returned to Farrah.

It is rumured that the Duranis of Kush and Baleur are preparing to attack the Helmund Belutchis.

Yalantush Khan, son of Khan Agha, is said to have collected a band of Turcomans and to be raiding round Herat.

The weather remains very fine and extraordinarily warm for the time of the year. Rain is much wanted.

General Hume returned to Kandahar on the 25th.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

SORTIE OF THE GARRISON AT PRETORIA.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

Latest advices from Natal state that the garrison of the fort at Pretoria, which is commanded by Sir William Lanyon, has made a sortie and captured a Boer laager. The British inflicted a heavy loss on the beseigers, who eventually fled. The garrison consists of about 250 men of the 21st Fusiliers, a detachment of the 58th Regiment, and a few of the 94th Regiment, besides two guns.

HE MOVEMENTS OF THE RELIEF COLUMN

The rains which have set in in the Transvaal are delaying the advance of Sir George Colley's relief column.

THE KANDAHAR QUESTION.

The Secretary of State for India, replying to a question in the Commons, promised on receipt of a reply to the despatch of the 11th November to the Government of India to consider its publication, together with any opinions of the Viceregal Council. The question of the evacuation of Kandahar, he said, was one of policy which the British Government believed they were able to determine themselves, while leaving the Government of India the utmost discretion regarding the time and mode of evacuation.

Replying to another question, his Lordship said that neither a Select Committee nor Royal Commission had been recommended on the affairs of India.

COLONEL PREJAVALSKY.

ST. PETERSBURG, JAN. 26.

Colonel Prejavalsky, the celebrated Russian traveller in Central Asia, has received a decoration and pension from the Russian Government for his services.

THE COERCION BILLS FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, JAN. 28.

The House of Commons last evening resumed the debate on Mr. Forster's bills for coercive measures in Ireland. Mr. Bright, who took part in the debate, strongly supported the bills.

The House agreed to an adjournment of the debate.

THE TURCOMAN WAR.

The *Standard* of to-day publishes a telegram on the best authority, from Saint Petersburg, stating that Russia does not contemplate another campaign against the Turcomans at present.

THE ACTION AGAINST MR. KNIGHT.

The action for libel brought by the Ameer-i-Kabeer, the co-regent of Hyderabad, against Mr. Robert Knight, editor of the *Statesman*, is being tried by a special jury at the Court of Queen's Bench. Mr. Knight pleads justification in defence.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

The Liverpool Cotton market has been quiet but steady.

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The Manchester market has been steady.

Exchange on India, 60 days' sight	1-7 7-16
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	86½
4½ do. do.	88½
3 do. Consols for account	98⅜
5 do. French Rente, 1872	120¼
Bar Silver	51 5-16

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—

Reserve of Notes	£12,600,000, Inc.	£800,000
Bills Discounted	£20,300,000, Unchanged.	
Bullion	£24,700,000, Inc.	£100,000

The proportion of the reserve to the liabilities is 44 per cent.

Departures—Algitha and Glenrath.

THERE should be a good parade of the volunteers this afternoon, as Colonel Gillespie, Adjutant-General for Musketry, will be present to make his annual inspection of the rifles in possession of the men. One Company (D.) is sure to turn out well; we hope the others will emulate it.

WE are informed that about 27,000 shares have already been applied for in the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold-Mining Company, Limited, and that it is not intended to issue more shares except at a premium of 50 per cent. Under the terms of an arrangement made some months ago, the company acquire 640 acres of land in the Colar gold-fields of Mysore, at the price of nearly Rs. 1,200 an acre; and sales of land in the same locality or line of reefs have since been advised as made in London at the rate of £300 an acre.

PRICES of food-grains are very low in Goa just now, lower than they have been for twenty-five years past. A bag of rice, which till lately cost Rs. 6, can be bought now for Rs. 3. The Goanese cup of happiness is not full yet, however; salt is too dear.

MADAME CARLOTTA PATTI and party were yesterday at Secunderabad, and are expected to arrive in Bombay on Monday. A concert will be given, probably at the Town Hall, on some evening during the week. Mdme. Patti has received such flattering notice at the hands of the Calcutta and Madras Press, as well as in Australia and elsewhere, that lovers of music in Bombay—a numerous body—are sure to muster in strong force to hear her.

WE have received the second edition of "Veterinary notes for Horse-owners," by Captain Horace Hayes, which is a valuable book for everyone who owns a horse that he cares about keeping in good order. The first edition was in itself a most useful work, but the second edition is a great improvement on it, several important additions having been made, such as chapters on the detection of lameness, operations, the age of a horse as shown by his teeth, with sections on split-hoof, open joint, cataract, inflammation, and many other evils to which horseflesh is liable. There are some useful remarks, too on the theory and practice of feeding horses.

THE *Masonic Record* for January remarks:—Our readers will regret to learn that M. W. Bro. Balfour, Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India, has, during his well-earned furlough in England, been seriously unwell. He is slowly recovering his health, but has been much enfeebled by the illness.

MR. JUSTICE WHITE was to leave Calcutta on Wednesday last for Bombay, on his way to England, we suppose by to-day's mail steamer.

THE report that Hashim Khan still holds Maimana and has advanced towards Balkh is again repeated in the Lahore paper's advices from Kabul and it is further stated that the young Musa Jan, Yakoob Khan's son, is with him. Ayoub Khan has directed Hashim Khan to seize and fortify Balkh, and to remain there till the spring, when Ayoub will join him in an advance on Kabul.

WHEN Colonel Yorke went home the other day from Peshawur, the *Civil and Military Gazette* says, the unexpected move caused some curiosity and much gossip; and it was said at the time that he would not return to India. Whatever the cause, we now find in General Orders that he has resigned his command of the 19th Bengal Lancers, and that the Commander-in-Chief has given the vacancy to Major A. G. Owen, second-in-command, at present on furlough.

COMMENTING on the order for Major C. A. Gorham, R. A., to leave Meerut and join a battery on the home establishment, the *Civil and Military Gazette* remarks:—This officer was Deputy Judge Advocate to the Kabul force, and, apart from his legal duties, did much other good service. A clever lawyer, good scholar, and excellent draughtsman, he has yet failed to obtain staff employment in this country. It appears that the J. A. G. department is inaccessible to the gunners, or to any save officers of the Indian service. So, at all events we are told, and if correct, the sooner a change is made the better, if we are thus to lose tried men like Major Gorham.

THE administration report of the Punjab recently issued contains the official account of the Afridi movement in Joiah, when an influential moollah made an unsuccessful attempt to organise a permanent Afridi confederacy against the British. Sir Robert Egerton, Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, says, in his review of the report, that the great aim of his frontier policy is "to detach from all foreign influences the Afridis, Orakzais," and other tribes. Speaking of the Khyber tribes, he says "they are well aware that the maintenance of friendly relations with the Government is to them a source of profit and advantage, and that their refusal to comply with the wishes of Government in regard to the maintenance of the road will lead to the opening of other routes, or the occupation of the Khyber by troops, should the British Government find it necessary at any future time to adopt such a measure." If the Afridis could only be made thoroughly to realize the fact that this was no idle threat, the new arrangements which His Honour has made with them for the safety of the pass might, perhaps, have a chance of permanence.

MAJOR P. D. HENDERSON, C. S. I., General Superintendent of Operations for the Suppression of Thuggee and Dacoity, reports to the Government of India that the number of dacoities reported in Native States is still decreasing, the figures being 177 in 1879 against 200 in the previous year; but the value of property plundered has increased 50 per cent., being Rs. 1,20,281 against Rs. 83,145. The number of persons reported as killed is thirteen, and wounded eighty-three, the corresponding figures for 1878 being thirty-five and eighty-two, respectively. The number of dacoities reported by Native States during the last ten years, is1,654, and the value of the booty, Rs. 846,468. The number of additional cases brought to light through the agency of the department was 737, and the value of the booty Rs. 12,88,476.

THE solicitors for the heirs of Subadar Major (Honorary Captain) Mahomed Hoossain, who was run over by a train, and killed last year at the Saint Mary's level-crossing of the South Indian Railway, in Madras, have intimated that they are prepared, on behalf of their clients, to accept Rs. 15,000 from the company, without going into court, but that they consider the sum of Rs. 7,500, offered by the Company, as inadequate to the circumstances of the case. The heirs of the deceased first claimed Rs. 50,000, but this amount the Government considered unreasonable.

FOR the last few days extensive preparations have been made in connection with the Bengal census operations. Heaps of census forms, printed at the Alipore Jail Press, are now being arranged at the Bengal Secretariat, and packed off to the district officers. The census operations will not be confined to Bengal Proper and Assam and its dependencies, but will extend to British Sikkim. Besides the sum of Rs. 1,50,000 sanctioned for Bengal Proper, a separate grant has been made for Assam, &c., to meet the cost of these operations.

A VERY unsettled state of feeling as regards the Nagas appears to be again prevalent in North-East Cachar. The *Englishman* reports that this culminated last Friday in the flight *en masse* of two hundred coolies from Dicksia Factory, distant only some three miles from Baladhun, where the Naga outrage occurred last year. The panic appears to have been unfounded, but the feeling of insecurity in which it had its origin is far from unreasonable, seeing that, in spite of what occurred in the neighbourhood last year, and may be repeated at any moment, this part of the frontier is still as unprotected as ever. Application has, we believe, been made to the local authorities for a police guard, which will, no doubt, be granted. But if proper steps were taken for the permanent protection of the district, such applications ought to be unnecessary.

INFORMATION has reached a Calcutta paper that a young native zemindar, while travelling on the Assam-Dhubree line a few days ago, alighted from the carriage for tiffin at a station where the train made a few minutes' halt. The young man induced a certain officer of the railway to detain the train, so as to suit his convenience. By this arrangement the mails were delayed some hours. A complaint was made by the district postal officers to the authorities at the presidency, who communicated with the manager of the railway, and the result has been that the official concerned was removed from his post. It is also said that the Commissioner of the district has been requested by the railway authorities to take action in the matter, and to prosecute the principal offender.

THE China papers report the burning on Christmas eve, at Shanghai, of the steamer Bombay, formerly of the P. and O. line, but at the time belonging to a Chinese merchant. The vessel and cargo were completely destroyed, and three native firemen killed. A remarkable story is related in connexion with the fire. It seems that, fears being entertained lest the Bombay's moorings should break and that vessel collide with the P. and O. steamer Mirzapore, which was anchored close at hand, it was decided to sink the Bombay, and with that purpose a Chinese frigate in the anchorage sent out a boat's crew with one gun with instructions to fire into her till she sank. Four shots were fired at a distance of thirty yards, but, it is said, not one struck. How, it might be asked, would the Chinese fleet fare in a war with Russia?

A GAS explosion occurred at Mrs. Reuben Sassoon's fine house in Belgrave-square the week before the last mail left, which might have been attended with disastrous consequences. It was sufficiently violent to knock down Mr. Sassoon and his brother, but they happily escaped with no further injuries than face and hands slightly burned.

"TAKE fifty gallons of water, two gallons of honey, five ounces of bruised ginger, five ounces of ground mustard. Boil this mass for half-an-hour, add a quart of yeast, and let it ferment for from ten to fourteen days. Add six ounces of bitter almonds bruised, spirits and grains of paradise to suit convenience. For colouring use half-an-ounce of cochineal to the fifty gallons." What is the result? It is nothing else than "genuine champagne," that requires nothing more than to be put in the proper shaped bottles and duly adorned with gold and silver paper and appropriate labels denoting the vintage, &c. We have this interesting recipe, and a good many more of the same sort, in Mr. John B. Gough's new book "Sunlight and Shadow," and he professes to have taken it from a book which he obtained with some difficulty, entitled "The manufacture of liquors, wines, &c., without the aid of distillation, arranged and prepared expressly for the trade."

MANY instances of gracious acts of consideration on the part of the Empress Eugenie, says the *World*, have become familiar in our mouths as household words, and to these should now be added her sending to each officer of the troopship Orontes, which conveyed the remains of the Prince Imperial to England, a photograph of the Prince, with the Empress's autograph, and the memorable date upon it, "1er Juin, 1879."

"ATLAS" remarks:—It seems to be taken for granted that the provision known as the Forfeiture Clause in the will of Harriet Duchess of St. Albans will, on the approaching marriage of Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, be allowed to take effect without remonstrance, and that the property therein indicated will pass to other persons. I am assured that this belief is wholly without foundation. The opinion of high legal authorities on the subject has been taken, and every effort will be made to prevent a forfeiture arising from a legal accident which was not contemplated by the Duchess, and which would be oppressive and unjust in its operation. The appeal in favour of her retaining that fortune, hitherto dismissed with such thoughtful generosity, will undoubtedly be carried to the highest legal tribunal.

"ATLAS" writes in the *World*:—Frank Buckland died on the 19th ultimo, working to the last. Two days before (on the 17th) he finished the preface to his latest book, *The Natural History of British Fishes*. From early sheets of that preface I make the following extract, in which the dying man—evidently, from the context, not then knowing himself dying—makes a declaration of belief which is wholly antagonistic to the theories of Darwin and his school:—

I have another object in writing this book: it is to endeavour to show the truth of the good old doctrines of the Bridgwater Treatises, which have so ably demonstrated the "*power, wisdom, and goodness of God, as manifested in the Creation.*" Of late years the doctrines of so-called "Evolution" and "development" have seemingly gained ground amogst those interested in natural history; but I have too much faith in the good sense and natural acumen of my fellow-countrymen to think that these tenets will be very long-lived. To put matters very straight, I sturdily believe that the Great Creator, as indeed we are directly told, made all things perfect and "very good" from the beginning; perfect and very good every created thing is now found to be, and will so continue to the end of time.

THE officers of the Channel Squadron, a London society paper states, have resolved to do honour to the memory of Lieutenant Heyland of the flagship Minotaur, who lost his life in attempting to save that of a seaman, who had fallen overboard. The fund will no doubt reach a respectable amount, especially as it will go towards the cost of a lifeboat to be named after him, and presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Sumatra, Captain R. F. Briscoe, will sail to-day for Aden and Suez with the Europe mails and the following passengers:—

For Brindisi—A Gentleman and Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Fitzgerald, Mr. M. J. Lavers, Hon'ble J. S. White, Mr. J. Slimon, Mr. G. Bieftbach, Brigadier-General C. J. S. Gough, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davidson, Col. J. B. Cox, Mr. Ferguson.

For Suez—Mr. S. F. Cotton and a friend, Mr. D. Pidgeon, Mr. O. Flinshch, Mr. G. B. Brown, Mr. C. Faltis, Mr. R. Faltis, Mr. C. V. Paget, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. A. J. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clancy, Miss Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mackinnon.

THE following passages have been engaged by the P. and O. S. N. Company's s. s. Mirzapore, Captain A. Parish, sailing on the 5th instant:—

For Brindisi—Mr. Price Duff, Mr. R. S. Henderson, Mr. R. Lowcock, Genl. & Mrs. Davies, Mr. F. R. Wells, Mr. C. Sharp, Mrs. French.

For Suez—Mr. Grant, Mr. Looby, 2 Misses French and Maid, Mr. J. B. Jackson, Miss Jackson, Lieut.-Col. J. Watts.

THE KOLHAPUR CONSPIRACY.

(FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.)

EIGHTEENTH DAY, 26TH JANUARY.

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF of Ramjan resumed.—A fortnight-and-a-half after Rambhut was sent for by Anna Bawa, he, with Khiru, Vittoo, Jagoo and Mackajee went to Borgaum to see and recognize the genuine Chima Sahib Maharaj. They stayed there for two or three days, and returned. Rambhut, on his arrival at Kolhapur, sent for me. I said I was on duty. I went to Rambhut when my duty was over. I asked him whether the Maharaja at Borgaum was the genuine Chima Sahib. He replied negatively. Rambhut further said that Anna Bawa and the Maharaj told him they would collect money by committing a dacoity in the house of a rich banker in the Konkan after a fortnight, and send it to him at Kolhapur. Rambhut waited for some days for the money expected. After a fortnight Rama Mali was sent by Rambhut to Borgaum to see what had become of the money. After five or six days Rama Mali brought word that he had not seen Anna Bawa. After this disappointment Rambhut himself began to collect men for breaking into the houses of rich men for the purpose of getting money. Airekar, Dhondopant, Babajee Havaldar, Vittu Brahmin, Appa Balgonda, and one man from Kaneri began to come to Rambhut. What the Brahmins talked I could not tell, as they expressed themselves by writing on their palms. What I know I knew from Rambhut. They had regular weekly meetings every Sunday at 2 p.m. Their talk was about getting some men, but I cannot remember how many men were to be collected from different places by different people. Their talk was about what house they should rank, what they should do, &c. On one Sunday Babajee Havaldar and Tatia Khoja said to Rambhut that in order to expedite the work they had better go to Koganooli, in Kagal State, and commit a dacoity there, and thus get money for defraying off the debt to Chima Sahib Maharaj at Nepaul. Some days were spent in this empty talk. Rambhut told me to buy some powder for mining, as he was going to dig a well in his field. Rambhut gave me two annas to buy powder, and eight annas were given to me as a gratuity. First I went to the Guzari and asked one Chandoo for powder. He said he had none; then he took me to the contractor who had a licence for selling powder. I bought powder through Chandoo from the contractor; how much I cannot remember. The powder was kept in an empty kerosine-oil tin upstairs. Some days passed silently, but again Sunday gatherings were resumed. They made a resolution to go to Koganooli on Friday, as it was the auspicious day of that village, and accomplish their end; but the plan was not carried into execution, as the men failed to assemble at the common centre for the purpose. Four days after this Anna Bawa came again to Kolhapur. He stopped with Rambhut that night, and went away the following morning. He at that time said that he would send money, and if he failed in that he would never show his face again any more. Then Khiru said to Rambhut that what Anna Bawa said would be true—that he would without fail send the money. Rama Mali brought news from Anna Bawa that on coming Ekadashi there would assemble some people, and three days after that money would be sent to Kolhapur. Rambhut was to receive it. Rambhut and Khiru then asked to bring some weapons, and four days after he brought four swords in my presence. Four or five men came from Tardal. I know this, because they were accompanied by Appa Balgonda and Appa Devajee. Two or three men came from Kaneri. I saw them coming when I was on my duty. They had a talk on the upper storey of Rambhut's house. I went to Rambhut at 5 p.m. Rambhut told me that everything was settled. Vittoo Brahmin said that his men were ready. Rambhut said: "To-day is Sunday, we shall do what Narayenbhut told us to do; men are at the river-side near the cattle-market." At that time Rambhut, Vittoo Brahmin, Ganu, a Pachhapur man, and I were present. Rambhut first asked me to come with him to the river-side, and when I said I could not, because there was no food in my house, he gave me one paily of jowari and four annas in cash. Rambhut took out six swords and some dead plantain-leaves, and told me to cover the swords with the leaves; so I tied them up into a bundle. Rambhut told me to take that bundle of swords to the river-side. I said I could not do so unless he told me the particular place where he wanted me with the bundle. He then told me to come to the house of Khiru with the bundle. Rambhat told Ganu to bring ood, camphor, and lemons to the house of Khiru; he also asked Aba Mahat to come to the house of Khiru, but he declined to do so, as his friend Dhondopant Walwalkar also was to be present to take his meal. Thereupon Rambhut gave two annas to Aba Mahat and told him to buy either opium or some refreshment, and then Aba promised to go to Khiru's house; but he did not come there. I went after my meal to the house of Khiru. I saw there Rambhut, Khiru, Appa Balgonda, Appa Devajee, Luxumon, Mallari Appajee, Vittu Brahmin, and some men from Tardal sitting inside. One hour was spent there in a quarrel that arose between Rambhut and Khiru's wife about Rambhut saying that some men were collected from Tardal and Kaneri, because Khiru could not believe in what Rambhut told him. Khiru further asked whether the men that had come there had weapons with them. Dhondopant promised to get 1,000 men the following morning. Rambhut gave one lemon to Appa Balgonda, and took one for himself. Vittu Brahmin took some ashes. Rambhut told me to shoulder the bundle of swords, so I carried it to the Jiti brook. Rambhut, Appa Patil, Appa Coil, Luxumon, Mallari and Vittu Brahmin, four Tardal men and I myself went. Dhondopant had gone before. Before we went up to the brook Luxumon and Mallari went to the house of Mallari and joined us at the brook, bringing one pistol and one sword. We went by the back road at Khiru's house, reached the brook, and turned to the left and came near the Gayamukha (water stand-pipe). Babajee was sitting there with a gun. Tatia Kochage and Rama Mali were sent for to see whether the Europeans had assembled at the church. A ganja-pipe was ready, and we had a smoke. Rama Mali and Tatia Kochage came back running and said that the European congregation had dispersed so we proceeded further back, and Appa Patil went to the Ghotale Tank to send the men of Tardal back. At the tank men from Shirgaum, Tamgaum, and Kaneri were assembled. On our way back Rambhut, Dhondoo, and Vittu Brahmin said amongst themselves: "Very well, it matters not; though we failed in this attempt, still we shall do it next Sunday." The accused Brahmins had a mind to murder the Europeans, as their rule was very oppressive; they levied exorbitant taxes, and therefore the accused wanted to re-establish their Marathee power and drive away the English. I had no mind to murder the Europeans, but I obeyed Rambhut simply because he used to assist me in time of want. They had no mind to murder any one besides the Europeans. On our way home the bundle was carried back by Rama Mali. Rambhut told me to keep the bundle in my house. I said there was not sufficient room to keep it there, so it was taken to the Khasbag the same night; but on the following morning, on Monday, I took the bundle and concealed it in a stack of rice-straw when I was going to bathe. I came back from the bath and was apprehended by the police. I did not tell anybody that I had hid the bundle of swords. I showed the letter to the police that was to be sent to Nepaul. That letter is now in court. After murdering the Europeans they were to loot the sowkars, to imprison the high officials, including the State karbhari, to take all the Ranees of Kolhapur to the Panhala hill fort, keep them in custody, to fill the two granaries with money. Dhondopant was to be made the mamletdar of Panalla and Vittu Brahmin Khasagi karbhari of the Ranees. Then a general loot was to take place for three days, as soon as the Europeans should be killed. Collecting money in this way, they were to march as far as Delhi with the (Bopkhani) artillery, conquering all the country above, and then to bring the Chima Sahib Maharaj to Kolhapur. Before entering the town the pandits in all the temples were to be worshipped at the ditch outside the Shukrawar-gate, and then Chima Sahib Maharaj was to be seated on the throne. After the coronation the land and villages were to be given as rewards for the Maharaja when told by Rambhut. Vittu Brahmin was to be given one village, and Jakopant two; Ganu was to be given Gizavane; Appa Patil and Dhondo Kulkarni were to be given one village each. The present Maharaja was to have only four villages for himself. Rambhut was to administer the State affairs after all the present officials were thrown into prison. I was not to be given a village, but I was to be fed and clad by Rambhut, who was to be State karbhari of Kolhapur. I was to be an attendent on him. With Rambhut at the head of the administration, I should not be in any want. I cannot remember if I stated before the committing magistrate that Aba Madar was one among the company assembled on Sunday, the 7th November, to murder the Europeans or not. For one day I was not in my proper senses while giving my evidence before the committing magistrate. From 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. I was suffering on that day from bile. On the same day on which I was offerred the benefit of an approver I gave my evidence before the committing magistrate; at that time I was in my proper senses. I have been given to smoking ganja from my boyhood, and as I have not been allowed to smoke these three days, I have a very dull memory. When I gave my statement as an approver before the committing magistrate I was not in my proper senses, but I gave my evidence in this court while I was in my proper senses. For these last two days I have not been allowed a sufficient time to wash my mouth and brush my teeth, and therefore I was a little bilious some minutes back.

THE BOMBAY MILITARY RELIEF FUND.

A GENERAL MEETING of the committee of this fund was held at the Secretariat on Thursday afternoon under the presidency of H. E. Sir James Fergusson.

Dr. Weir, honorary secretary, having read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Hon. Lionel Ashburner, chairman of the committee, at the request of His Excellency, laid before the meeting the progress of events up to the present time. The honorary secretaries, Dr. Weir and Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee had, he said, presented a statement of the claims which had been made, and it appeared that claims had been advanced by 333 Europeans in different degrees of relationship to soldiers, and that about 511 claims had been made by natives. The amount of the fund, as they saw by the statements which had been published, was Rs. 1,80,000. Now they had several questions to settle, and one was whether Europeans ought to be admitted to the benefits of the fund. This question had been previously brought forward, and was allowed to stand over; but they must now come to some decision on the matter. He (the speaker) stated on the first occasion that it would be one of the objects of calling the present meeting to decide this, among other points. The fund was, comparatively speaking, so small that if it were extended to Europeans it would practically be of little benefit to any one. There was another committee operating in London for the collection of funds for the families of Europeans, and these families might be assisted by the English fund. With regard to the extension of the benefits of the fund to native followers, they had attempted to do so they would meet with considerable difficulty, as there was no correct list of followers in native regiments. A record was kept of a certain number, but the great bulk of them were not recorded. He would propose that though they should say that followers, as a body, were not entitled to the benefits of the fund, they should yet be prepared to receive recommendations with regard to special cases of distress. He was aware that they were a very deserving body of men, and that military operations could not be carried on without their assistance, and being unprovided for by the Government, they had some claim upon such a fund. But what he had said with regard to extending the fund to Europeans applied to this case; for the number was so enormous that the sum at their disposal would be frittered away, and no one would gain much benefit by it. He thought it better that they should take into consideration special cases of followers of whom they could obtain a record. That was all he had to say with regard to followers, but there was still another point for decision, namely, whether they should amalgamate their funds with those of Bengal and Madras, which were, he believed, very much larger than that of Bombay; he thought the Bengal fund amounted to five or six lakhs. The claims on that fund would be larger indeed, and he would, therefore, deprecate the idea of amalgamation, as the difficulty of obtaining information regarding the claims would be greatly increased if they attempted to amalgamate with Bengal. He proposed that they confine their funds to their own people. (Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor asked Mr. Ashburner if he had had any communication with the committees in London and Calcutta. Were any views expressed by those committees with respect to the amalgamation or separation of the funds?

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner said that communications had been received from the English and Bengal committees, and that, in deference to the wishes of Bombay, extended their fund to all natives, it being at first intended only for Europeans. They extended the fund to native followers, and if the Bombay committee decided that followers should not be benefited by their fund, it would make a difference of constitution rather embarrassing in case of amalgamation.

His Excellency the Governor then said that the first business of the meeting was to receive from the honorary secretary a statement as to the amount of the fund.

Dr. Weir presented the balance-sheet, from which it appeared that the balance in hand, after deducting all expenses and the sum of Rs. 500 paid to Colonel Anderson, of the 1st Grenadiers, was Rs. 1,79,247.

On the proposition of Mr. Ali Rogay the balance sheet was adopted.

His Excellency the Governor said it now remained to be decided whether the Bombay Military Relief Fund should be amalgamated to the Patriotic Fund of Bengal. Of course, to a large extent, other points were involved in this proposition. Whether the families of European officers should be relieved, would greatly depend upon their joining or keeping aloof from the English fund. It would save a great deal of trouble if all these funds were put into one purse; but then a local committee would have to work.

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner proposed that the Bombay Military Relief Fund should not be amalgamated with the Patriotic Fund of Bengal, but should be separately administered to Bombay sufferers alone.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief asked if it would not be a greater benefit to the sufferers if the amalgamation took place. Would they not get a larger slice?

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner said he had made a calculation as to the amount and the number dependent upon it, and he had come to the conclusion that such a course, if adopted, would not benefit Bombay, and would delay to an indefinite time the distribution of any of the funds. Until they had a correct list of the persons entitled, they could not begin to distribute the fund, because as they did not know the number of the applicants, they could not portion the relief. A longer period would be necessary if they had to correspond with Bengal. Other applicants might turn up hereafter, and there might be a legal claim on the committee as trustees of a fund subscribed for certain purposes.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief observed that the Hon. Mr. Ashburner was wrong in saying there was no record of regimental followers. He would be very sorry to think that the army was in that state of disorganisation that a regiment should have gone up to the front without any record of the followers in it.

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner—Yes, a list is kept of the regimental followers, but they form a very small portion. There are the camel-drivers and other such men.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief remarked that what he took exception to were the words "regimental followers." Probably there was not a record of the full number of departmental followers who had joined since, although even in that case it was next to impossible to take on any man without his name being recorded.

His Excellency the Governor pointed out that the Bengal troops who had served in Afghanistan were about four times as numerous as the Bombay troops, and they were engaged much earlier. So that if the Bengal fund was three times as much as their own, it was evidently to their interest that there should be no amalgamation. With regard to Europeans participating in the benefits of the fund, he would suggest that relief should be given to Europeans from the Bombay fund so long as they remained in this country, but those living in England might reasonably be referred to the English fund.

Mr. Ali Rogay said that the fund was started with the idea of its being distributed among Europeans, as well as among natives. He considered they should adhere to what was then decided upon and include Europeans. (Applause).

Mr. Wells said he was afraid that if they excluded Europeans from any share in the fund, it would be very much against the wishes of the subscribers, and he himself would look upon it as a departure from the original constitution of the fund. He thought the Europeans had a right to their hand in the subscriptions of the Bombay public, and whatever might be given to the European claimants should be sent to them, whether they were in England or India.

His Excellency the Governor asked the last speaker how in that case he would arrange with the London Committee.

Mr. Wells said what he wished to point out was that the money was raised for the wives and families of the soldiers who perished in the Afghan war, and those soldiers consisted of Europeans and natives, and the widows and children of the latter had a claim on the fund, whether they were in India or in England.

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner.—If you refer to the proceedings you will, I think, find that the point was left for future consideration. The original constitution of the fund excluded Europeans.

Dr. Weir.—European officers.

His Excellency the Governor said that if they gave relief in England, it involved their amalgamating with the London committee; then there would be the difficulty that they did not amalgamate with Bengal, too, and the London committee would wish to deal with Bengal and Bombay.

The Rev. Mr. Sharpin understood that the subscriptions towards the fund in England were very small indeed.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief thought that the mere fact of a widow being in England should not exclude her from relief. Of course it would be better, if possible, to relieve the widows before they left this country.

Mr. Justice Melvill remarked that if they waited for every possible claim to be sent in, they would never distribute the fund.

H. E. the Governor said the committee was one for distributing relief on occasion offered.

Mr. Justice West suggested that a half or a fourth of the fund should be set apart for immediate distribution, and any further grant made afterwards to the same person from the remaining sum might be subject to a proportionate reduction. No one could then complain that the balance was not distributed on a uniform principle.

Mr. Justice Melvill then seconded the proposition to the effect that the Bombay and Bengal funds should not be amalgamated.

The motion was carried.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief said it would be a pity to exclude the European claimants in England from the fund, as if they went to the London fund Collecting money in this way, they were to march as far as Delhi with the (Bopkhani) artillery, conquering all the country above, and then to bring the Chima Sahib Maharaj to Kolhapur. Before entering the town the pandits in all the temples were to be worshipped at the ditch outside the Shukrawar-gate, and then Chima Sahib Maharaj was to be seated on the throne. After the coronation the land and villages were to be given as rewards for the Maharaja when told by Rambhut. Vittu Brahmin was to be given one village, and Jakopant two; Ganu was to be given Gizavane; Appa Patil and Dhondo Kulkarni were to be given one village each. The present Maharaja was to have only four villages for himself. Rambhut was to administer the State

regiment were killed at Maiwand, and not one of the artillery men killed was a married man.

His Excellency the Governor suggested that the committee should communicate with the London committee, and ascertain the amount they were prepared to disburse to the families of European soldiers at home.

After some further discussion, Mr. Ali Rogay proposed, and Mr. Justice Melvill seconded, a resolution to the effect that relief from the Bombay fund be extended to families of the European and native soldiers of the Bombay army.

Dr. Weir.—It is a question whether the families of European officers come within the scope of the original resolution.

Mr. Justice West said that generally an officer was able to make provision for his family, but the soldier could not, and relief to officers' families should be confined to cases of destitution.

After some further conversation on the subject Mr. Rogay added to his resolution the words "and that it be left to the discretion of the committee to relieve any case of extreme destitution in the family of an officer."

The resolution was then carried.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief said he did not think there would be one such case.

After some further discussion it was proposed that the sub-committee should be requested to act in conjunction with the London committee.

Mr. Martin Wood remarked that this would cause great delay in the distribution of the fund. There was a strong feeling of regret among the subscribers that such a length of time had elapsed before the distribution of the fund.

There was then a discussion as to whether camp-followers should come within the scope of the fund, and His Excellency the Governor said there was no doubt a strong feeling that they should. One difficulty would experience in dealing with the camp-followers would be this—that they did not know how many men had died after desertion, as great numbers of the followers had deserted, and some of these had returned.

It was then moved by Mr. Rogay that it was desirable to extend relief to disabled camp-followers, and to the families of camp-followers who had died in the service.

The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Vouillon asked the honorary secretary how much money was still due from subscribers to the Patriotic Fund.

Dr. Weir replied that no money was due, upon which Mr. Vouillon asked why advertisements were issued earnestly calling upon gentlemen to pay their subscriptions.

Dr. Weir said this was done in order to keep the fund before the public, and some of the subscriptions were paid only a few days ago.

The Hon. Mr. Ashburner, speaking with reference to the remarks of Mr. Martin Wood, said that a large number of enquiries had been made, and were being made, into cases in which relief was applied for. The certificates of upwards of 850 claimants had been obtained and enquiries made about them. This was no small labour, and it was due to the honorary secretaries to mention it. Mr. Wood seemed to think that the sub-committee had been asleep, when in fact they were working hard. The difficulties of the case had caused the delay.

His Excellency the Governor remarked that now it was known that between 800 and 900 cases had been investigated, the public would see that the sub-committee and the honorary secretaries had had a great deal of work to do.

On the motion of Mr. Justice West the immediate distribution of Rs. 60,000 of the fund was authorised.

There was then some conversation with reference to the first Bombay Military Relief Fund, and Mr. Justice Melvill observed that he believed by the terms of the trust the money now being used for educational purposes could be made over to the present fund.

Votes of thanks to the sub-committee and to His Excellency the Governor brought the proceedings to a close.

A STREET DANGER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Now as the pavement round the Frere Fountain has been completed, why are the stones lying about not removed? Many large stones lie at a distance from the rest, so that there is everylikelihood of a carriage accident happening. Last night, while I was driving home, in spite of all my precautions, my horse stumbled, and had I not, with presence of mind, prevented the animal from falling, would have smashed both knees. Save the electric light—thanks to the *Bombay Gazette*—there were no lamps lighted near the stones, to give warning to drivers. Is this municipal economy? Let either lamps be posted, or the stones removed, to avoid accidents.

Fort, Jan. 28. F. J.

THE QUEEN'S ROAD LEVEL-CROSSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Upwards of ten years ago the Government of Bombay, in sanctioning the extension of the B. B. and C. I. Railway southwards from Grant Road to Colaba, laid it down as their opinion that an overbridge would be required between those places at a point "where a level-crossing was proposed north of the Churni-road station." What has been done since then? Nothing. The level-crossing was put in, and still exists. It has always been a nuisance and the source of annoyance to thousands. The time has come to improve it for ever from the face of the earth, and to put up in its place the overbridge which, on the highest authority, was declared to be necessary more than a decade ago. An over-bridge has been built at Colaba, where a level-crossing would have been amply sufficient for all the traffic that is ever likely to use the Wodehouse road, but a miserable crossing which is *seldom* level is supposed to suffice for the highway to Malabar Hill! I suggest that a committee of the following gentlemen:—the Municipal Commissioner, the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the Agent and Chief Engineer, B. B. and C. I. Railway, and the Collector of Bombay be appointed forthwith to put up an over-bridge, and that it be named after the present Governor of Bombay.

A CITIZEN.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Gaiety Theatre, "Woodcock's Little Game," 9 p.m.
Apollo Gardens, A1 Fresco, 9 p. m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 27th inst:—Rocklands, from Cardiff; Elfie (s), London; Calypso (s), Trieste. Yesterday:—Britannia (s), from Liverpool; Clan Alpine (s), Glasgow; Adria (s), Jeddah; H. M. S. Serapis, Portsmouth.

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all who have to make careful observati ons of distan objects, that the vision in a horizontal or nearly horizontal direction is greatly interfered with by the unseen exhalations from the ground, and the varying density of the lowest strata of air at and near the ground. Whereas at a high angle, as here from the balloon, the rays of light have only to traverse a very limited amount of this disturbed strata, and are consequently much more unimpeded and reliable.

But the day is wearing on, and I want to get away as early as possible for a free run, so I signal with a flag to lower. The drum is set in motion, and the Sappers below apply themselves steadily to wind the Talisman down. This is rather a long business, and the oscillations of the rope which it causes give rise to sensations which remind me very unpleasantly of the rolling of a vessel at sea in a ground swell. It is not without much thankfulness that at last *terra firma* is reached. The Talisman has lost some considerable amount of gas in the captive ascent, owing to the expansion due to the diminished barometric pressure at 1,000 feet from the ground. This loss is quickly replenished, that the start may be made with a full balloon, and about 4 P.M. all is ready. The getting away, or starting in a balloon, is always rather a delicate and critical operation, and far more ballooning accidents have occurred probably in connection with it, than at any other period, for it is by no means easy to regulate the ascension or lift of the balloon. This must be sufficient to clear all obstacles on the ground, but if it be too great the balloon would be carried upwards too fast and too far. The case is rendered more difficult on this occasion by the circumstance that there are a set of telegraph wires close to the balloon ground, and down wind, which of course I must avoid. We make two or three false starts, to try the lift of the balloon, and haul her down again to alter the weight of ballast. But at last I am off safely with a moderate 'ascension' at 4-15 P.M. I am quite alone, as before in the captive ascent, for the balloon is rather too small to carry two persons well, in addition to a sufficient quantity of ballast. Moreover, I shall learn my experience far better when thus left to one's own resources.

After noting with much satisfaction that we have cleared the telegraph wires, and are rising steadily at a moderate rate, so that there is time to attend to necessary matters, the first thing to be done is to see that the valve line is hanging ready to hand, and disentangled from the other ropes, for it might easily have got foul of something in the swaying and bumping of the balloon before she was set free. I glance upwards at the same time to make sure that the 'petticoat,' or tail of the balloon, is freely open; for were this tied up in its normal condition on the ground, the expansion of the imprisoned gas on rising to any considerable height would infallibly burst the balloon. The next thing is to take the aneroid barometer from the case wherein it has hitherto lain, for protection from the shocks of starting, and fasten it up in a convenient position for observation on one of the side carlines. I note while tying it up that it shows that we are rising steadily, but not too rapidly. Next the pilot line must be thrown overboard, and left hanging from the hoop. This is a strong cord measuring 100 feet, and its use is to guide the eye as to one's distance from the ground in descending. It has been lying in a rough coil at the bottom of the car, to prevent its getting entangled at starting. I now overhaul it and pay it out of the balloon. The view of the ground below, which one gets while leaning over the side of the car, to see that the pilot line has not fould in its extension, is the first look I have really had to see what we are doing and where we are going. These little necessary preliminary operations have taken up every instant of time, and have been done, if the truth must be told, with a considerable amount of nervous haste. That steady coolness which would clearly be a most desirable element in ballooning is hardly forthcoming, for this is the first time that I have found myself thus alone in a balloon with the whole responsibility of its management. So I am nervous just at starting. By-and-by, with more experience, one may hope to get steadier. About this time a strong smell of gas warns me that the balloon is overfilled by expansion, and it is time to let out gas at the top, if one does not mean to be chocked by the downward rush from the opening at the bottom. One steady pull on the valve line, and a sufficient quantity escapes at the top of the balloon to provide for present security.

Nowthere is time to look around. Vertically below the balloon, I dare not look, or only for a moment, my head not yet being educated to the required point. But looking over the side at a steep angle the decks of the steamers far below are a curious and interesting study, with the long black tails of smoke, which they are apparently dragging after them, for we are passing over the Thames. It lies below in a broad silver sheet, with the sun shining upon it. On either side its numerous windings and snake-like folds are clearly visible, ending in a forest of innumerable masts and spires on the London side. Conspicuous therein are the transverse streaks representing the several bridges, and a few prominent buildings, such as the Houses of Parliament and St. Paul's Cathedral. Eastwards, on the side of the sea, the tortuous folds lose themselves in the broad estuary which opens out towards the Nore.

Now we are on the Essex side of the river. The balloon has reached her equilibrium level at about 2,000 feet, and for a short time she floats horizontally along. For a short time only—for the impossibility of keeping a balloon in such a continuous horizontal course is a leading difficulty in ballooning, although some approximation may be made to it by skilful and fortunate management. My balloon soon begins to settle downwards again. Were she left to herself she would tend to run down faster and faster, and soon reach the earth. I allow her to descend slowly, but I prevent any such acceleration by throwing small quantities of ballast at intervals, watching the barometer all the time for guidance as to the amount required. I am most careful not to throw too much ballast, otherwise she would turn upwards again, and, unless checked by letting out gas with the valve, would run up higher than before. By watching carefully, and thus gradually drawing out the balloon's descending path into a line more and more nearly horizontal, I manage to get her on a horizontal course at length, and about 100 feet from the ground. Every time the pilot line—which is 100 feet long—drags on the ground I throw a little ballast, just enough to lift it clear again without giving the balloon any decided upward turn. Thus we glide rapidly along pretty near the ground for several miles, and I am so successful in this delicate operation of keeping the balloon in equilibrium that perhaps at last one grows a trifle careless. The pilot line drags on a meadow below, and the friction gives the balloon a downward turn, which increases every instant as more of the line drags behind in the long grass. I instantly throw whatever small quantity of ballast is ready to hand at the moment, just to gain time, and my back having been now for some time turned in the direction of our course, I glance round to see that the country ahead is clear of obstacles in case we come to the ground. Horror! we are driving rapidly right on to a high tree. I can only allow myself one single half-second to make up one's mind whether to throw the grapnel, open the valve if necessary, and descend at once, or to throw out a quantity of ballast into the bargain